

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion presented herein.

1. Allowance of Claims.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1, 3-5, 9-14, 16-18 and 22-26.

2. Cancellation of Rejected Claims.

The Applicant notes the rejection of Claims 7, 8, 20 and 21, and has canceled those claims to place this case in a condition for issuance. Cancellation of Claims 7, 8, 20 and 21 is without any prejudice, waiver, or estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed or in their form immediately preceding these amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in the future, such as through continuation practice, for example.

3. Conclusion.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the present application to pass to issuance.

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In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

Date: 04/05/2007

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John P. O'Banion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

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